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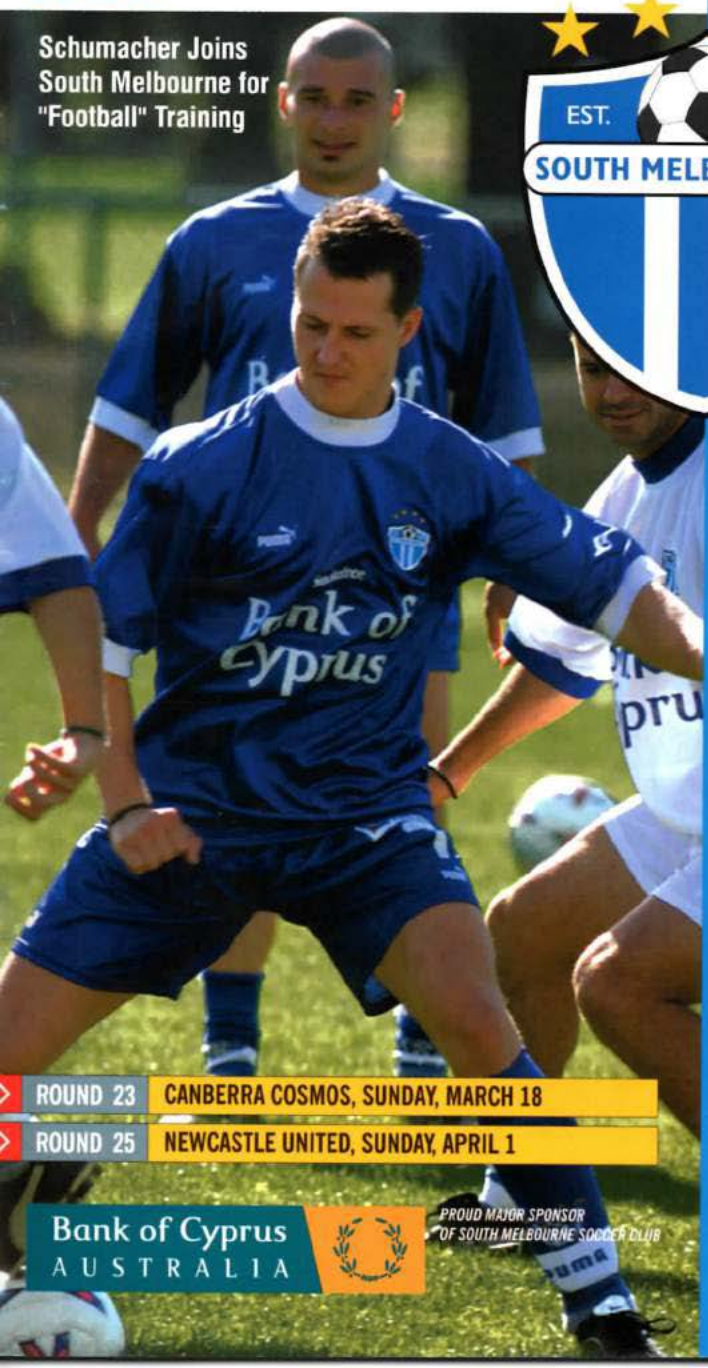


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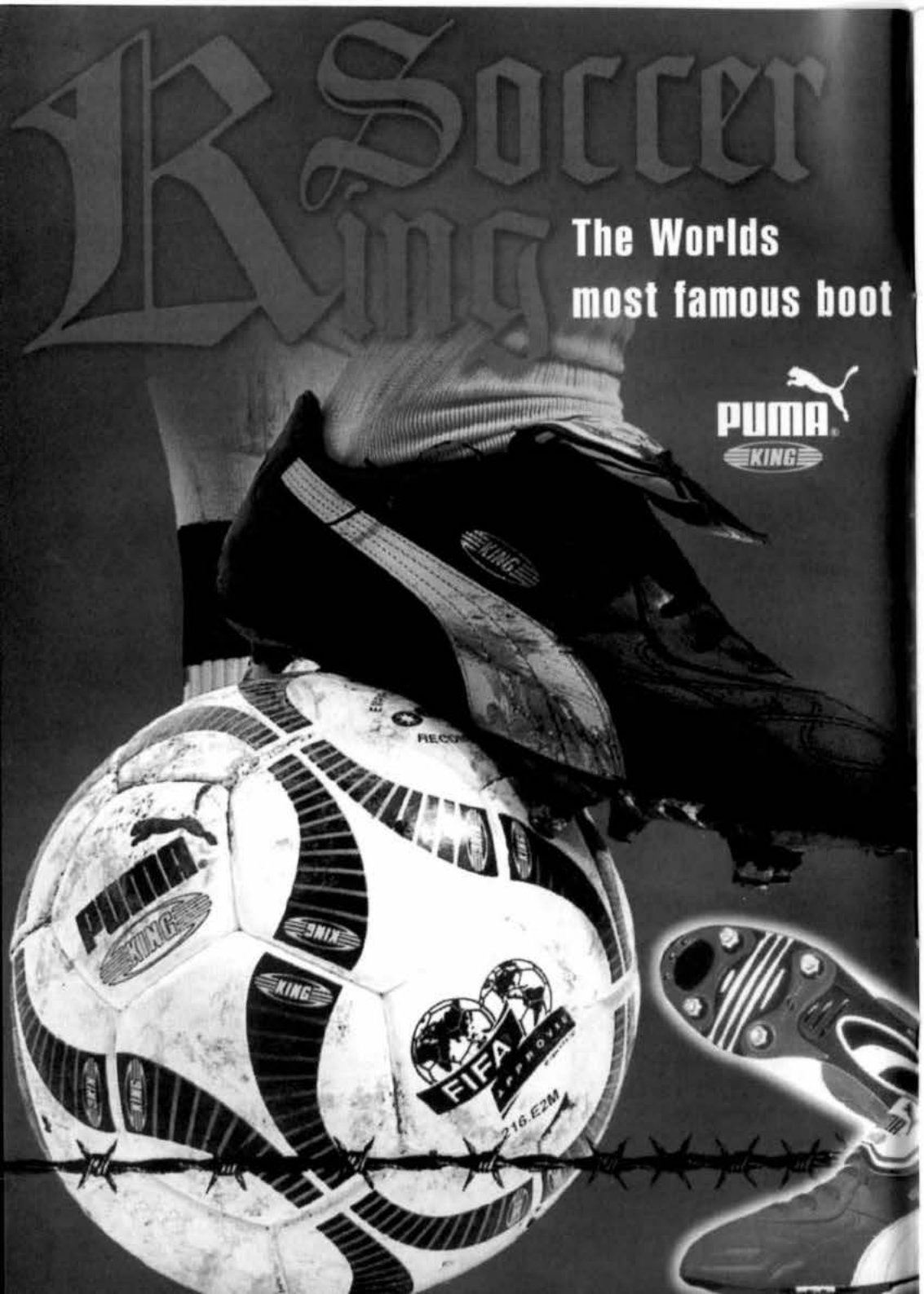




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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the March edition of In Blue and White. This month at the Bob Jane Stadium, we welcome the Canberra Cosmos, who recently defeated the reigning champions Wollongong and Newcastle United. Welcome to both teams and their respective coaches, Mike Milovanovic and Lee Steerey.

As you wander into the ground you will notice that both ends of the ground now has seating provided for the comfort of our spectators. This is only the first step in further developing the Bob Jane Stadium into the premier soccer purpose built stadium in Victoria. The club is currently in discussions with a number of parties who may or will have a role in the continued development of the stadium. Whilst we are unable to say too much at this stage, we hopefully will be able to reveal the club's plans in the not too distant future. On another matter, we would like to congratulate our senior player's Michael Petkovic, Simon Colosimo, Fausto De Amicis and Patrick Kisnorbo, for their recent selection and participation for Australia.

We would also like to congratulate our youth institute player's Massimo Murdocca (who has played senior football this season) and leading National Youth League goalscorer Steve Manchevski, both of whom have been selected in the under 17 Australian squad to play against Japan in late March as a lead up to the under 17 Oceania World Cup qualifiers. As most of you would be aware Michael, Simon and Fausto recently travelled to Bogotá, Colombia to play in Frank Farina's team against the Colombians. Although the result did not go our way, all three distinguished themselves very well and should be proud of their efforts as we all are. However some of may not be aware that Patrick played a significant part in Ange Postecoglou's under 20 Australian side that qualified for the Youth World Cup, which will be played in Argentina during June and July.

What all this means is that our campaign before and during the finals will be disrupted by call-ups to national teams. The Oceania qualifiers for the World Cup at this stage will take place in April (8 to 20) at Coffs Harbour, with the potential of three or more of our players being selected for Australia, with Vaughan Coveny a possible selection for New Zealand as well. We are also faced with the fact that Patrick Kisnorbo will almost certainly be selected for the Youth World Cup side to play in Argentina and will miss the entire Top Six Finals Series.

At the time of writing this message, FIFA are currently considering moving the Oceania World Cup qualifiers from April to June. If the qualifiers were to be moved until after the Top Six Final Series it would be of direct benefit to our club. It must be said however that our main finals contenders would also benefit as they too have players under consideration. If the qualifiers do go ahead in April and teams such as ourselves have three or more players selected, then their could be further disruption to the fixture as teams may look to exercise their rights to postpone game until those players are available for club selection.

Whatever the outcome, we would like wish all our players who are selected for Australia, or New Zealand in the case of Vaughan, as well as Frank and Ange our very best in their respective World Cup qualifiers. Lets hope that 2001 is the most successful year in the history of this great game in Australia.

George Vasilopoulos
President

## COACH'S REPORT

First of all, I'd like to mention how good it feels to be at home again! After a month of away games due to the Grand Prix, it really hits home just how much we miss Bob Jane Stadium.

It's not just playing here that you miss, but you miss the atmosphere, the location, and most of all, you miss the supporters. Nevertheless, the Grand Prix is over and we can now look forward to a feast of matches with five of our last eight games scheduled at home.

Our next two home opponents in Canberra Cosmos and Newcastle United will provide a difficult period of matches for us. Canberra, fresh from a tremendous win over reigning NSL champions Wollongong, will be no pushover, especially with a top six berth within reach, whilst Newcastle have had a relatively poor season by their standards and will be out to claim as many scalps as possible.

With three quarters of the season behind us, we now enter the crucial stage the season that makes or breaks a championship winning team. Our home form has been excellent, and our away form with only 3 losses from 12 matches hasn't been too bad either.

With the finals just around the corner, I urge all supporters to get behind the team in full force, because together with your vocal support, the team is unstoppable!

Mike Petersen
Senior Coach

## Notice

1. Entry inside the perimeter fence of the playing area is prohibited at all times and offenders will be prosecuted.
2. All spectators are requested to vacate the ground within 15 minutes of the final game.
3. Police may be requested to remove any unauthorised persons who remain after the stipulated time.
4. The setting alight of, or the igniting or discharging of any type of object, including fireworks, signal or smoke flares is strictly prohibited.



## STOP PRESS

# SCHUMACHER JOINS SOUTH FOR 'FOOTBALL' TRAINING

Before his triumphant Australian Grand Prix victory at Albert Park, Formula One World Champion, **MICHAEL SCHUMACHER**, joined the South Melbourne Soccer Club for a full training session at Anderson Reserve, Port Melbourne.

Schumacher, the three-time world champion, was introduced to the squad prior to training and following the traditional photographs and autographs associated with the Ferrari drivers fame, impressed by enduring an entire session with the senior team.

The session included several warm-up laps, 20-minutes on intensive running, and finally a fast & furious game of seven-a-side in which he even managed to score. Despite playing with an amateur team in Switzerland, Schumacher was delighted at today's friendly gesture by the South Melbourne Soccer Club.

"I requested my management to contact South Melbourne and organise a football training session for me," said Formula One World Champion, Michael Schumacher.

"I always like to train for 75 minutes, which is roughly how long a race goes for, so it was ironic, but good, that South Melbourne train for about the same period."

Whilst South Melbourne players enjoyed the weekend off, Schumacher prepared for yet another gruelling F1 season. His training seemed to pay off too, with Schumacher emulating last year's feat by winning the Australian Grand Prix for the second successive season. In doing so, Schumacher became the first driver in history to win the Australian Formula One Grand Prix on more than one occasion.

The South Melbourne Soccer Club presents the very first Michael Schumacher photographs on the official club website. To view the handful of clear images taken from the training session, simply visit the South Melbourne 'PHOTO GALLERY' on our website (www.southmelbournesc.com.au). Don't forget to click on the images in order to enlarge the size and clarity of the photographs.

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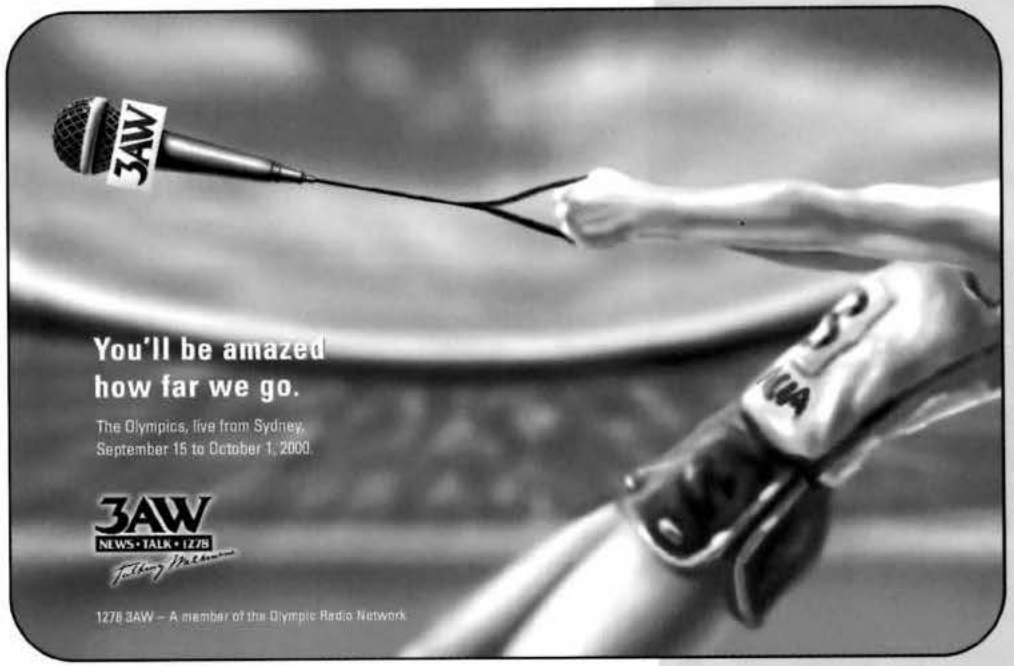


**OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS TO THE SOUTH MELBOURNE SOCCER CLUB**

*As a supporter of the club from birth and a regular at Middle Park since the age of five, I thought I would put my neck and credibility on the line by getting the ball rolling and picking what I believe to be the best team in the last twenty years.*

## SOUTH MELBOURNE SOCCER CLUB TEAM OF THE 20TH CENTURY

As the country's most successful club, it is fair to say that there have been many great players to play for South Melbourne Soccer Club since its formation in 1959.

I often hear my father talk about players of the calibre of Nestoridis, Margaritis, Armstrong and Pyrgolios. But who are the best players to play for the club? This question will soon be answered as South Melbourne Soccer Club prepares to announce its team of the 20th century in August this year

A panel of experts have been carefully chosen for the honour and difficult task of putting together the team which will include a starting eleven, four substitutes (including a goal keeper), a coach of the year and a teamcaptain.

The secret panel has been specially chosen to cater for all eras of the club's history and consists of former and current administrators, past players and coaches and experienced journalists.

The arduous task of picking the selection criteria for the team has already begun and will be made available to the public by late April. From here we will be launching a competition, where the supporter who picks the crossest to that picked by the panel will win a prize (yet to be determined).

As a supporter of the club from birth and a regular at Middle Park and Bob Jane Stadium since the age of five, I thought I would put my neck and credibility on the line by getting the ball rolling and picking what I believe to be the best team in the last twenty years.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will be asking past coaches to also put together what they believe to be the best players from their era.

| Here is my team: | |
|---|---|
| Coach: | Ange Postecoglou |
| Goal Keeper: | Michael Petkovic |
| Right Back: | Bobby Russell |
| Sweeper: | Mehmet Durakovic |
| Centre Back: | Steve Blair |
| Left Back: | Alan Davidson |
| Right Midfield: | Paul Wade |
| Centre Midfield: | Mike Petersen |
| Centre Midfield: | Oscar Crino |
| Left Midfield: | Ken Murphy |
| Forward: | Paul Trimboli (Captain) |
| Forward: | Doug Brown |
| Bench: | Fausto De Amicis (Defence), Steve Tasios (Midfield), Charlie Egan (Forward), Bruce Mclaren (Goal Keeper) |





## MARCH MILESTONES

South Melbourne captain Paul Trimboli will become the fourth most experienced NSL player in history against Canberra Cosmos on Sunday, 18 March 2001.

The South Melbourne striker's tally of NSL games currently stands at 393, and following Sunday's match against the Cosmos, Trimboli will pass former Heidelberg and Melbourne Knights player Theo Selemidis (now retired) on 393 all-time NSL games. Only Alex Tobin (Parramatta Power), Sergio Melta (retired) and Mike O'Shea (retired) have played more NSL matches.

South Melbourne Soccer Club would also like to congratulate Goran Lozanovski for his 200th NSL appearance. Lozanovski's milestone was achieved in Round 20 during the ill-fated match at Knights Stadium.

In other Milestones, Socceroo Defender Fausto De Amicis is set to make his 250th NSL appearance against reigning NSL champions Wollongong Wolves on Friday 23 March,2001.

Other BIG milestones slowly approaching include Paul Trimboli's 400th NSL Appearance, Mehmet Durakovic's 300th NSL Appearance, as well as Grand Final hero John Anastasiadis' 100th match for South Melbourne.

Trimboli and Anastasiadis should hopefully reach their milestones in the last couple of rounds of the season, however, Durakovic has to wait until the Finals Series.

**TOP TEN NSL APPEARANCES (AS 15.03.01)**

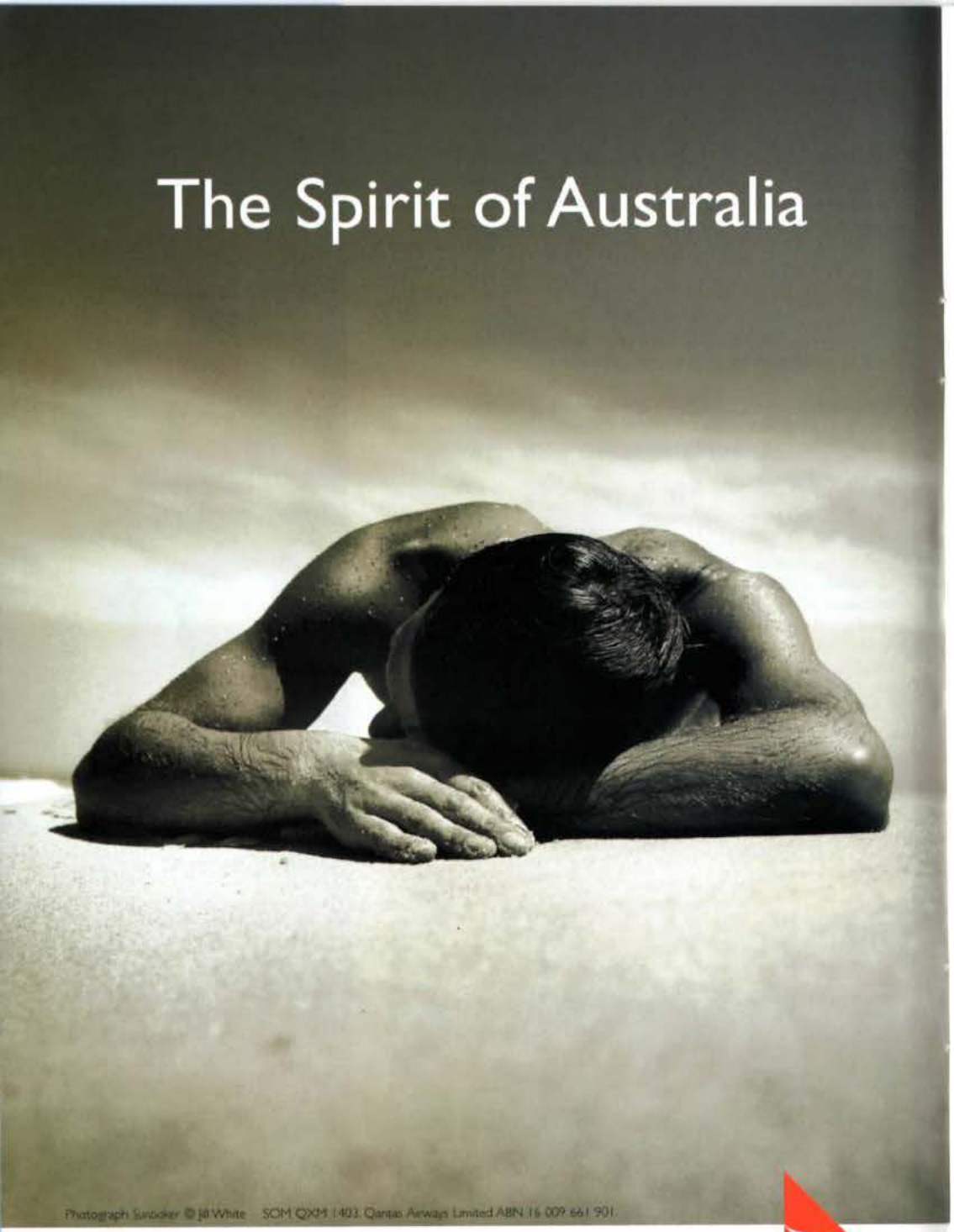
| | | Games | Comment |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alex | Tobin | 455 | still playing |
| Sergio | Melta | 445 | retired |
| Mike | O'Shea | 406 | retired |
| **Paul** | **Trimboli** | **393** | **still playing** |
| Theo | Selemidis | 393 | retired |
| Gary | Phillips | 377 | retired |
| Robert | Hooker | 377 | still playing |
| Danny | Wright | 353 | retired |
| Graham | Jennings | 351 | retired |
| John | Markovski | 349 | state league |

**TOP TEN NSL GOALSCORERS (AS 15.03.01)**

| | | Games | Comment |
|---|---|---|---|
| Damian | Mori | 163 | still playing |
| Rod | Brown | 137 | retired |
| John | Kosmina | 133 | retired |
| Francis | Awaritefe | 122 | still playing |
| Marshall | Soper | 119 | state league |
| Ivan | Kelic | 116 | ? |
| **Paul** | **Trimboli** | **109** | **still playing** |
| Gary | Cole | 109 | retired |
| John | Markovski | 109 | state league |
| Warren | Spink | 104 | ? |

CONGRATULATIONS TO
**GORAN LOZANOVSKI**
who played his 200th NSL Match against Melbourne Knights

# The Spirit of Australia



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## TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Who are the last 2 SM players to score hat tricks?
2. Which Parramatta player was sent off in the recent SM v Parramatta game?
3. For which club does former SM striker Kimon Taliadoros Play for?
4. True or False, Melbourne Knights have played games at Geelong's Kardinia Park?
5. True or False, Steve Iosifidis has scored 1 NSL goal for SM prior to round 22, 2001?
6. For which club does former SM midfielder Bill Damianos play for?
7. In which season did Mooralbark play in the NSL?
8. True or False, Andy Vlahos scored from the penalty spot against Parramatta?
9. In what year did SM last change their logo?
10. For which NSL club did Damian Mori make his NSL debut?

*Note: Answers to Trivia Questions on page 24*

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- Each team will play against the three other teams in its group on one given night between Monday 23 April and Thursday 26 April
- The top team from each group qualifies for the Quarter Finals on Friday April 27, where the competition reaches it's knock-out phase with winners advancing to the Semi-Finals on the same night. The 3rd place play-off will also be decided on this evening.
- All games except the final will be played under lights on sporting fields at La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus
- The final will be played at **BOB JANE STADIUM** as a curtain raiser to South Melbourne's last home game against Northern Spirit on Sunday 29 April 2001
- Teams can nominate their preferences as to which night they wish to play their group games

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# 2000-2001 Season Fixture

| R | Date | Day | Opponent | Time | Venue |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 13.10.00 | Fri | Adelaide City Force | W 3-1 | Vlahos 2, Kalogerakos |
| 2 | 21.10.00 | Sat | Perth Glory | L 0-1 | - |
| 3 | 29.10.00 | Sun | Carlton | D 1-1 | Susa |
| 4 | 04.11.00 | Sat | Marconi Stallions | D 1-1 | Trimboli |
| 5 | 12.11.00 | Sun | Melbourne Knights | W 4-1 | Trimboli 2, Panopoulos Boutsianis |
| 6 | 19.11.00 | Sun | Brisbane Strikers | W 3-0 | Vlahos 3 |
| 7 | 26.11.00 | Sun | Parramatta Power | D 1-1 | Anastasiadis |
| 8 | 02.12.00 | Sat | Canberra Cosmos | W 3-1 | Coveny, Trimboli Lozanovski |
| 9 | 10.12.00 | Sun | Wollongong Wolves | W 4-2 | Trimboli, Vlahos, Lozanovski, Boutsianis |
| 10 | 15.12.00 | Fri | Newcastle United | D 0-0 | - |
| 11 | 23.12.00 | Sat | Sydney United | W 3-0 | Vlahos, Coveny, Susa |
| 12 | 30.12.00 | Sat | Sydney Olympic | W1-0 | Coveny |
| 13 | 06.01.01 | Sat | Eastern Pride | D 0-0 | - |
| 14 | 14.01.01 | Sun | Auckland Kingz | W 3-0 | Trimboli, Kalogeracos Coveny |
| 15 | 19.01.01 | Fri | Northern Spirit | W 2-1 | Kalogeracos, Coveny |
| 16 | 28.01.01 | Sun | Adelaide City Force | W 1-0 | De Amicis |
| 17 | 04.02.01 | Sun | Perth Glory | D 1-1 | Boutsianis |
| 18 | 11.02.01 | Sun | Carlton | bye | - |
| 19 | 18.02.01 | Sun | Marconi Stallions | W 6-1 | Boutsianis 3, Trimboli, Coveny, OG |
| 20 | 25.02.01 | Sun | Melbourne Knights | L 0-4 | - |
| 22 | 11.03.01 | Sun | Parramatta Power | W 3-0 | Vlahos 3 |
| 21 def. | 14.03.01 | Sun | Brisbane Strikers | L 2-3 | Trimboli, Lozanovski |
| 23 | 18.03.01 | Sun | Canberra Cosmos | 5:00pm | Bob Jane Stad |
| 24 | 23.03.01 | Fri | Wollongong Wolves | 7:30pm | WIN Stad |
| 25 | 01.04.01 | Sun | Newcastle United | 5:00pm | Bob Jane Stad |
| 26 | 08.04.01 | Sun | Sydney United | 5:00pm | Bob Jane Stad |
| 27 | 16.04.01 | Mon | Sydney Olympic | 6:30pm | Belmore Sports Gnd |
| 28 | 22.04.01 | Sun | Eastern Pride | 5:00pm | Bob Jane Stad |
| 29 | 25.04.01 | Wed | Auckland Kingz | 7:30pm | Ericsson Stad |
| 30 | 29.04.01 | Sun | Northern Spirit | 3:00pm | Bob Jane Stad |

## SOUTH MELBOURNE LINE-UP

1. Michael Petkovic GK
2. Steve Iosifidis
3. Fausto de Amicis
4. Mehmet Durakovic
5. Robert Liparoti
6. David Clarkson
7. Steve Panopoulos
8. Vaughan Coveny
9. Paul Trimboli
10. Con Boutsianis
11. John Anastasiadis
12. Richie Alagich
13. Andy Vlahos
14. Vas Kalogerakos
15. Goran Lozanovski
17. Rade Culibrk
18. Elias Demourtzidis
19. Patrick Kisnorbo
20. Chris Jones GK
21. Massimo Murdocca
22. Steve Esposito
23. Michael Theoklitos GK
24. Nick Tolios
25. Simon Colosimo

**Coach: Mike Petersen**
**Assistant Coach: Jeff Olver**

# SOUTH MELBOURNE S.C. 2000/2001 PLAYER PROFILES

**PAUL TRIMBOLI**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Striker |
| Born: | 25/02/69 |
| Height: | 173 cm |
| Weight:: | 72 kg |
| Last club: | Sunshine GC |
| Nickname: | Trimmers |
| Shirt number: | 9 |

**CHRIS JONES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Goalkeeper |
| Born: | 10/07/75 |
| Height: | 188 cm |
| Weight: | 88 kg |
| Last club: | Karingal United |
| Nickname: | Jonesy |
| Shirt number: | 20 |

**STEVE PANOPOULOS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Midfielder |
| Born: | 23/06/75 |
| Height: | 169 cm |
| Weight:: | 68 kg |
| Last club: | Oakleigh (VIS) |
| Nickname: | Pana |
| Shirt number: | 7 |

**JOHN ANASTASIADIS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Striker |
| Born: | 13/08/68 |
| Height: | 179 cm |
| Weight: | 78 kg |
| Last club: | PAOK (Greece) |
| Nickname: | |
| Shirt number: | 11 |

**VAUGHAN COVENY**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Striker |
| Born: | 13/12/71 |
| Height: | 188 cm |
| Weight:: | 84 kg |
| Last club: | Wollongong |
| Nickname: | Kiwi |
| Shirt number: | 8 |

**GORAN LOZANOVSKI**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Midfielder |
| Born: | 11/01/74 |
| Height: | 180 cm |
| Weight: | 88 kg |
| Last club: | Collingwood |
| Nickname: | Loza |
| Shirt number: | 15 |

**FAUSTO DE AMICIS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Defender |
| Born: | 26/06/68 |
| Height: | 170 cm |
| Weight: | 65 kg |
| Last club: | Melbourne Knights |
| Nickname: | |
| Shirt number: | 3 |

**ROBERT LIPAROTI**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Defender |
| Born: | 02/04/78 |
| Height: | 193 cm |
| Weight: | 89 kg |
| Last club: | Bulleen |
| Nickname: | Lipa |
| Shirt number: | 5 |

**STEVE IOSIFIDIS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Defender |
| Born: | 28/12/73 |
| Height: | 184 cm |
| Weight: | 75 kg |
| Last club: | Heidelberg UTD |
| Nickname: | Yosa |
| Shirt number: | 2 |

**ANDY VLAHOS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Striker |
| Born: | 20/04/76 |
| Height: | 171 cm |
| Weight: | 70 kg |
| Last club: | Panathinaikos (Greece) |
| Nickname: | - |
| Shirt number: | 13 |

**DAVID CLARKSON**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Midfielder |
| Born: | 01/02/68 |
| Height: | 176 cm |
| Weight: | 70 kg |
| Last club: | Happy Valley (HK) |
| Nickname: | Clarky |
| Shirt number: | 6 |

**RICHIE ALAGICH**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Midfielder |
| Born: | 30/10/73 |
| Height: | 178 cm |
| Weight: | 74 kg |
| Last club: | Adelaide Sharks |
| Nickname: | Gich |
| Shirt number: | 12 |

**RADE CULIBRK**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Defender |
| Born: | 19/07/82 |
| Height: | 175 cm |
| Weight: | 72 kg |
| Last club: | Springvale |
| Nickname: | Culi |
| Shirt number: | 17 |

**MICHAEL PETKOVIC**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Goalkeeper |
| Born: | 18/07/75 |
| Height: | 190 cm |
| Weight: | 88 kg |
| Last Club: | Strasbourg (France) |
| Nickname: | Petka |
| Shirt number: | 1 |

**ELIAS DEMOURTZIDIS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Striker |
| Born: | 25/06/81 |
| Height: | 182 cm |
| Weight: | 79 kg |
| Last club: | Adelaide Sharks |
| Nickname: | El |
| Shirt number: | 18 |

**VAS KALOGERACOS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Striker |
| Born: | 21/03/75 |
| Height: | 175 cm |
| Weight: | 71 kg |
| Last club: | Perth Glory |
| Nickname: | - |
| Shirt number: | 14 |

**MEHMET DURAKOVIC**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Defender |
| Born: | 13/10/65 |
| Height: | 176 cm |
| Weight: | 74 kg |
| Last Club: | Eastern Pride |
| Nickname: | Ugsie |
| Shirt number: | 4 |

**NICK TOLIOS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Defender |
| Born: | 11/10/81 |
| Height: | 184 cm |
| Weight: | 83 kg |
| Last Club: | Ethnikos (Greece) |
| Nickname: | Toli |
| Shirt number: | 24 |

**PATRICK KISNORBO**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Defender |
| Born: | 24/03/81 |
| Height: | 185 cm |
| Weight: | 75 kg |
| Last Club: | South Melbourne |
| Nickname: | Arab |
| Shirt number: | 19 |

**MICHAEL THEOKLITOS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Goalkeeper |
| Born: | 11/02/81 |
| Height: | 188 cm |
| Weight: | 84 kg |
| Last Club: | Bulleen |
| Nickname: | - |
| Shirt number: | 23 |

**CON BOUTSIANIS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Striker |
| Born: | 27/12/71 |
| Height: | 181 cm |
| Weight: | 75 kg |
| Last Club: | Bolton Wanderers (UK) |
| Nickname: | Boutsi |
| Shirt number: | 10 |

**SIMON COLOSIMO**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Defender |
| Born: | 08/01/79 |
| Height: | 184 cm |
| Weight: | 75kg |
| Last Club: | Carlton |
| Nickname: | Shima |
| Shirt number: | 25 |

**ZELJKO SUSA**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Midfielder |
| Born: | 13/07/78 |
| Height: | 186 cm |
| Weight: | 85 kg |
| Last Club: | Melbourne Knights |
| Nickname: | Sus |
| Shirt number: | 16 |

**STEVE ESPOSITO**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Defender |
| Born: | 08/01/84 |
| Height: | 185 cm |
| Weight: | 72 kg |
| Last Club: | Carlton |
| Nickname: | Espo |
| Shirt number: | 22 |

**MASSIMO MURDOCCA**

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Midfielder |
| Born: | 02/09/84 |
| Height: | 165 cm |
| Weight: | 60kg |
| Last Club: | Carlton |
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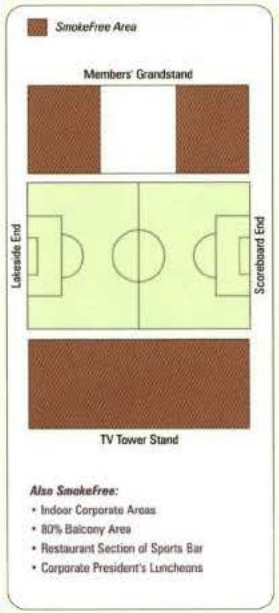


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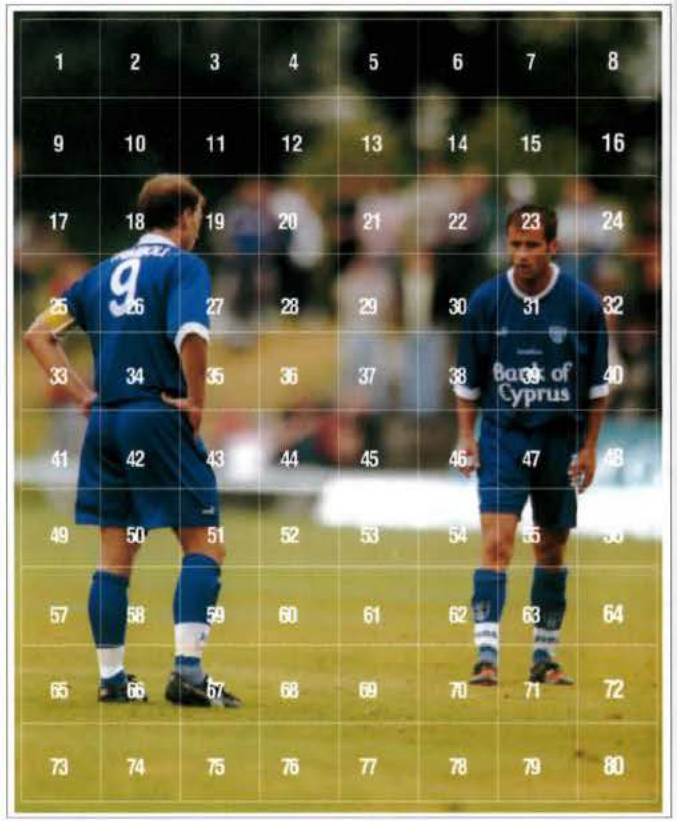


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## Kick-Off Times

At this season's Supporters' Forums, a great number of issues have been debated. As only a small proportion of supporters has been able to attend these events, I felt it was worth bringing some of the discussions to a wider audience. This issue ... Kick-Off Times.

Generating a huge amount of debate this season, amongst players, supporters and administrators, has been the vexed issue of kick-off times. Whilst clubs have experimented with different times and the Players' Union (not unreasonably) calls for delayed kick-offs due to high temperatures, the profile of an otherwise accepted part of the game has been significantly elevated.

At South Melbourne, we evaluated a number of issues over the winter in determining the start times for our matches this season. An overriding factor in this city, where AFL, rugby, basketball and other sports clamour for attention ahead of soccer, is ensuring that the public knows when the games take place. As such, a consistent day and time is crucial if we are to stand any chance of achieving this fundamental aspect of marketing the club.

Last year's time switches to accommodate live ABC TV coverage caused many problems. When we had to make our decision for this season, it was not clear that the coverage was to be dropped (or moved to the graveyard shift on Seven), so a key motivator in our decision was to ensure that live coverage would not mean a shift in kick-off time.

The AFL's own research indicates that Friday night, then Sunday afternoon are the preferred kick-off times for sport in Melbourne. Traditionally our games have been played on Sunday afternoons, either at 3pm or later, showing that there is some established equity in such a timing.

Secondly, as a club we have, rightly or wrongly, taken the view that the future of the game lies with the young. If we are to genuinely grow as a sport (and a club), we need to get people interested at a young age. Hence our focus on the extremely successful 'Trimmers Club', soccer clinics and youth-oriented promotions.

However, if we attract school age supporters to games, we also have to recognise that they need to be at school on a Monday morning. Consequently, we took the view that kick-offs at 6pm or 7pm on a Sunday were too late for this section of our support, further strengthening the case for 5pm.

That we have made progress in claiming this timeslot was exemplified by Greg Baum's article in The Age on 5th February, when he wrote: "In this sense, South has already done much for the cause. It has made summer Sunday afternoons its own in this town."

That said, this summer has been the hottest for nearly twenty years, with a number of games played at temperatures of 30C or higher. Indeed, the Adelaide City game was pushed back to 8pm, such was the heat that day. It is in no-one's interests to play games at a temperature that makes spectators uncomfortable and creates problems for players.

However, to have forecast this outcome back in July, following a season when more games were spoiled by rain than heat would have required the forecasting prowess of a Nostradamus. Once games have been scheduled, it is quite an issue to have them changed, and the difficulty of obtaining publicity is such that it is impossible to ensure that late changes are adequately communicated.

One option being considered is to schedule the majority of games for 5pm Sunday, with those in the 'hot' months (at least according to climatic norms!) having later kick-offs. With school holidays generally lasting most of January, it seems that a 7pm kick-off during that month would be a realistic option. Whatever the decision, it needs to be fixed, in order that we can promote the times accordingly.

As I have said before, we welcome feedback from supporters to help inform our decision making, as communication works best as a two-way process. If you have any thoughts on this issue (or others), please drop me a line c/o the club, and we'll see what we can do.

Enjoy the game.

Andrew Dye

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*Answers to Trivia Question on Page 12*

*1). Andy Vlahos, Con Boutsianis*
*2). Andrew Clarke*
*3). Parramatta Power*
*4). True*
*5). False*
*6). Xanthi, Greece*
*7). 1977*
*8). False, shot was saved and he scored from the rebound*
*9). 1998*
*10). South Melbourne*

## National Youth League 2000/2001 Southern Division

**Round 19**
***Saturday 3 March 2001***

**VIS 4 vs South Melbourne Eagles Academy 1**
(Denittis)

**Preston Lions 0 vs South Melbourne 8**
(Esposito 4, Pace, Mancevski, Tsiaras 2)

**Round 20**
***Saturday 10 March 2001***

**Green Gully 0 vs South Melbourne Eagles Academy 1**
(El Dib)

***Wednesday 14 March 2001***

**Bulleeen 1 vs South Melbourne Institute 5**
(Esposito, Mancevski, Tsiaras, Petidis, Rahim)

### 2000/ 2001 NYL SOUTHERN DIVISION Top Goal Scorers (After Round 20)

| Last Name | First Name | Team | Goals |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mancevski | Steven | South Melbourne | 25 |
| Mustac | Denis | Eastern Pride | 14 |
| Waite | Nicholas | Peninsula Blues | 13 |
| Eldib | Alef | South Melbourne Eagles | 11 |
| Tsiaras | Dimitri | South Melbourne | 10 |
| Cunningham | Brett | Fawkner Blues | 9 |
| Esposito | Steven | South Melbourne | 8 |
| Cogger | Benjamin | Melbourne Knights | 8 |
| Dolevski | Robert | Preston Lions | 8 |
| Korcarevski | Veton | South Dandenong | 8 |
| Loncaric | Josip | Melbourne Knights | 8 |
| Melino | Carlo | Peninsula Blues | 8 |
| Lia | Vince | South Melbourne | 7 |
| Zafferano | Vincent | South Melbourne Eagles | 7 |

| Team | P | W | D | L | B | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South Melbourne Institute | 18 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 57 | 21 | 48 |
| Eastern Pride | 18 | 15 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 60 | 11 | 46 |
| Melbourne Knights | 17 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 51 | 20 | 36 |
| VIS | 20 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 48 | 32 | 36 |
| Peninsula Blues | 17 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 46 | 21 | 34 |
| Melbourne Knights Academy | 17 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 21 | 24 | 28 |
| South Dandenong | 17 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 31 | 29 | 24 |
| South Melbourne Eagles | 17 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 26 | 36 | 22 |
| Green Gully | 18 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 23 | 33 | 19 |
| Bullen Zebras | 19 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 25 | 56 | 13 |
| Albury-Wodonga Warriors | 18 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 16 | 49 | 12 |
| Fawkner Blues | 17 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 20 | 53 | 10 |
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## JOHNNIE WALKER PLAYER VOTES

**PROGRESSIVE VOTES AFTER ROUND 22**

| PLAYER | VOTES |
|---|---|
| **Andy VLAHOS** | **13** |
| **Mehmet DURAKOVIC** | **13** |
| **Patrick KISNORBO** | **13** |
| Zeljko SUSA | 12 |
| David CLARKSON | 11 |
| Paul TRIMBOLI | 9 |
| Con BOUTSIANIS | 9 |
| Steve PANOPOULOS | 8 |
| Michael PETKOVIC | 8 |
| Vaughan COVENY | 7 |
| Fausto DE AMICIS | 7 |
| Vas KALOGERACOS | 6 |
| Steve IOSIFIDIS | 3 |
| Robert LIPAROTI | 1 |

| | |
|---|---|
| **ROUND 17** | 3 David CLARKSON |
| Vs. Perth Glory (h) | 2 Steve PANOPOULOS |
| Drew 1-1 | 1 Mehmet DURAKOVIC |
| **ROUND 19** | 3 Con BOUTSIANIS |
| Vs. Marconi Stallions (h) | 2 Vaughan COVENY |
| Won 6-1 | 1 Steve PANOPOULOS |
| **ROUND 20** | 3 Paul TRIMBOLI |
| Vs. Melbourne Knights (a) | 2 Con BOUTSIANIS |
| Lost 4-0 | 1 Steve PANOPOULOS |
| **ROUND 22** | 3 Steve IOSIFIDIS |
| Vs. Parramatta Power (a) | 2 Andy VLAHOS |
| Won 3-0 | 1 Paul TRIMBOLI |

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# OUR VISITORS - CANBERRA COSMOS

## SMSC v Caberra Cosmos

***Sunday, March 18, 2001 5.00pm***

Today we welcome Canberra Cosmos and their coach, Milan Milovanovic to Bob Jane Stadium. Milovanovic has only recently been appointed coach of the Cosmos after replacing the club's longest-serving coach, Tom Sermanni. Milovanovic was appointed in February and was previously acting head coach at the Australian Institute of Sport, national coach of the Australian side at the World University Games and assistant coach of the Joeys. The Cosmos finished a respectable ninth in their inaugural season in the National Soccer League in 1995/96 but slumped to bottom place in the three subsequent seasons. Last season, Canberra finished fourteenth with the league's worst defensive record.

Their preparations this season were not helped by the club's well-publicised financial difficulties. The team's form has been inconsistent and very difficult to predict. Cosmos are the only club to have beaten Wollongong twice this season (3-2 in Wollongong and 2-1 in Canberra) but have lost six games at home.

During the off-season, the club brought in Marcus Phillips from Sydney Olympic. The English-born midfielder has previously played for Swindon Town, Utrecht, Oxford United, Sydney United, Marine Castle (Singapore), Marconi and Sydney Olympic and has played over 60 NSL games. Other new players include the Blacktown City duo Mark Hagger and 20 year-old Japanese midfielder Naoki Imaya, Kiwi Brad Scott, Englishman Barry Guilford and Parramatta Power duo Barry Smith and John Angelucci. Striker Angelucci scored five times in 22 appearances for Parramatta last season. In recent months, former South Melbourne defender Con Anthopoulos has joined Canberra from the defunct-Carlton.

Defender Toplica Popovich has played over 100 league games for the Cosmos; a club record. Canberra's captain is 34-year old defender Robbie Hooker. He joined the club from Marconi at the end of the 1998/99 season and played 32 games for Cosmos last season. Hooker, an AIS scholarship holder in 1984 and 1985, represented Australia at the 1985 World Youth Championships in the Soviet Union and captained Sydney Olympic to their only NSL championship in 1990. Played 22 times and scored twice for the Socceroos between 1990 and 1998. Hooker is the seventh most experienced player in NSL history with over 360 appearances in a career that has included spells at Sydney City, Sydney Olympic, Adelaide Sharks, Sydney United, Marconi and Canberra.

In last season's fixtures, Canberra Cosmos held the upper hand. Goals by John Anastasiadis and Goran Lozanovski gave South a 2-2 draw at BJS but goals by Anastasiadis and Liparoti where only consolations as Cosmos ran out 4-2 winners in Canberra. In this season's fixture, Coveny, Trimboli and Lozanovski scored in a 3-1 win for South Melbourne in Canberra.

**Previous Results**
***South Melbourne score first***

| | Home | Away |
|---|---|---|
| 1995/96 | 2-2 & 3-2 | 1-3 |
| 1996/97 | 3-1 | 0-1 |
| 1997/98 | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| 1998/99 | 1-0 | 3-1 |
| 1999/00 | 2-2 | 2-4 |
| 2000/01 | | 3-1 |

Played 12, Won 5, Lost 3, Drawn 4

**CANBERRA COSMOS LINE-UP**

1 Angelo Konstantinou (gk)
2 Con Anthopoulos
3 Toplica Popovich
4 Andy Ravanello
5 Nick Purdue
6 Naoki Imaya
7 Mark Hagger
8 David Milin
9 Alex Castro
10 Jon Angelucci
11 David Arranz
12 Milton Cortes
13 Shane Lyons
15 Marcus Phillips
16 Ilija Prenzoski
17 Robbie Hooker
18 Brad Scott
19 Hiroshi Miyazawa
20 Barney Smith (gk)
24 Stephen Kemp

**Coach: Milan Milovanovic**

## NSL TABLE After Round 22

| TEAM | P | W | D | L | B | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 South Melbourne | 21 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 45 | 15 | 47 |
| 2 Sydney Olympic | 22 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 42 | 23 | 46 |
| 3 Wollongong Wolves | 21 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 51 | 27 | 44 |
| 4 Perth Glory | 22 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 54 | 26 | 43 |
| 5 Marconi Stallions | 22 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 36 | 29 | 38 |
| 6 Melbourne Knights | 22 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 43 | 35 | 36 |
| 7 Adelaide City Force | 21 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 35 | 37 | 33 |
| 8 Parramatta Power | 22 | 8 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 31 | 36 | 29 |
| 9 Sydney United | 22 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 32 | 41 | 29 |
| 10 Canberra Cosmos | 22 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 34 | 35 | 28 |
| 11 Kingz FC | 22 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 33 | 34 | 27 |
| 12 Northern Spirit | 22 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 30 | 32 | 26 |
| 13 Brisbane Strikers | 21 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 36 | 39 | 24 |
| 14 Newcastle United | 22 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 20 | 37 | 20 |
| 15 Eastern Pride | 22 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 2 | 26 | 36 | 16 |

### NSL Leading Goal Scorers

| | |
|---|---|
| DESPOTOVSKI Bobby Perth Glory | 15 |
| MORI Damian Perth Glory | 15 |
| BURGESS Ben Northern Spirit | 14 |
| THOMPSON Archie Marconi Stallions | 12 |
| PETROVSKI Saso Wollongong Wolves | 11 |
| VLAHOS Andrew South Melbourne | 10 |
| CERVINSKI Adrian Melbourne Knights | 10 |
| CHIPPERFIELD Scott W'gong Wolves | 10 |
| YOUNG Stuart Wollongong Wolves | 10 |
| DA COSTA Antonio Melbourne Knights | 9 |
| MILLER Joe Parramatta Power | 9 |
| PORTER Joel Melbourne Knights | 9 |

### ROUND 22 RESULTS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Melbourne Knights | Vs | Sydney Olympic | 2 - 3 |
| Canberra Cosmos | Vs | Wollongong Wolves | 2 - 1 |
| Marconi Stallions | Vs | Eastern Pride | 2 - 1 |
| Newcastle United | Vs | Adelaide City Force | 0 - 1 |
| Perth Glory | Vs | Northern Spirit | 4 - 1 |
| Parramatta Power | Vs | South Melbourne | 0 - 3 |
| Brisbane Strikers | Vs | Sydney United | 4 - 2 |
| def. Brisbane Strikers | Vs | South Melbourne | 3 - 2 |

## SOUTH MELBOURNE PLAYER STATISTICS (after Round 22)

| Player | No. | Position | D.O.B. | SMSC Games | SMSC Goals | Career Games | Career Goals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Michael Petkovic | 1 | Goalkeeper | 18-Jul-75 | 126 | 0 | 126 | 0 |
| Steve Iosifidis | 2 | Defender | 28-Dec-73 | 117 | 0 | 133 | 0 |
| Fausto De Amicis | 3 | Defender | 26-Jun-68 | 136 | 2 | 249 | 6 |
| Mehmet Durakovic | 4 | Defender | 13-Oct-65 | 159 | 5 | 291 | 8 |
| Robert Liparoti | 5 | Defender | 02-Apr-78 | 56 | 1 | 56 | 1 |
| David Clarkson | 6 | Midfielder | 01-Feb-68 | 122 | 6 | 204 | 16 |
| Steve Panopoulos | 7 | Midfielder | 23-Jun-75 | 179 | 23 | 179 | 23 |
| Vaughan Coveny | 8 | Striker | 13-Dec-71 | 168 | 48 | 234 | 67 |
| Paul Trimboli | 9 | Striker | 13-Aug-68 | 371 | 105 | 393 | 109 |
| Con Boutsianis | 10 | Midfielder | 27-Dec-71 | 162 | 53 | 231 | 85 |
| John Anastasiadis | 11 | Striker | 13-Aug-68 | 95 | 30 | 117 | 30 |
| Richie Alagich | 12 | Midfielder | 30-Oct-73 | 14 | 0 | 131 | 4 |
| Andy Vlahos | 13 | Striker | 20-Apr-76 | 28 | 12 | 126 | 38 |
| Vas Kalogeracos | 14 | Striker | 21-03-75 | 16 | 3 | 76 | 25 |
| Goran Lozanovski | 15 | Midfielder | 11-Jan-74 | 81 | 15 | 202 | 23 |
| Zeljko Susa | 16 | Midfielder | 13-Jul-78 | 15 | 2 | 83 | 11 |
| Rade Culibrk | 17 | Defender | 19-Jul-82 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Elias Demourtzidis | 18 | Striker | 25-Jun-81 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 2 |
| Patrick Kisnorbo | 19 | Defender | 24-Mar-81 | 18 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| Chris Jones | 20 | Goalkeeper | 10-Jul-75 | 26 | 0 | 26 | 0 |
| Massimo Murdocca | 21 | Midfielder | 02-Sep-84 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Steve Esposito | 22 | Defender | 08-Jan-84 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Michael Theoklitos | 23 | Goalkeeper | 11-Feb-81 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nick Tolios | 24 | Defender | 11-Oct-81 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Simon Colosimo | 25 | Defender | 08-Jan-79 | 8 | 0 | 58 | 10 |

### ROUND 23 MATCHES

**Friday, 16 March**

Kingz FC vs Marconi Stallions
Adelaide City Force vs Perth Glory
Wollongong Wolves vs Newcastle United

**Saturday, 17 March**

Eastern Pride vs Melbourne Knights

**Sunday, 18 March**

South Melbourne vs Canberra Cosmos
Sydney United vs Parramatta Power
Sydney Olympic vs Brisbane Strikers

### SMSC Leading Goal Scorers

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|---|---|
| Vlahos Andy | 10 |
| Trimboli Paul | 8 |
| Boutsianis Con | 6 |
| Coveny Vaughan | 6 |
| Lozanovski Goran | 3 |
| Kalogeracos Vas | 3 |
| Susa Zeljko | 2 |
| Anastasiadis John | 1 |
| Panopoulos Steve | 1 |
| De Amicis Fausto | 1 |

## SMSC v Newcastle United

***Sunday, April 1, 2001 5.00pm***

### NEWCASTLE UNITED LINE-UP

1 Bob Catlin (gk)
2 James Kemp
3 Andrew Roberts
4 Chris Zoricich
5 Todd McManus
6 Glenn Sprod
7 Travis Dodd
8 Mark Wilson
9 Anthony Magnacca
10 John Buonavoglia
11 Peter Tsekenis
13 Bradley Wieczorek
14 Anthony Surjan
15 Damien Smith
16 Vasko Trpcevski
17 Esala Masi
18 Andrew Harper
19 Daniel McBreen
20 Bradley Swancott (gk)
21 Peter Junchniewicz
22 Joshua Ferguson
23 Joshua Rufo
25 Mitchell Johnson
30 Mitchell O'Brien (gk)

Coach: Lee Steerey

Today, we welcome Lee Sterrey and his Newcastle United side to Bob Jane Stadium. Since re-joining the NSL in 1995/96, Newcastle has, on occasion, threatened to make the leap into the top six. 1999/2000 saw a seventh--placed finish, four points from sixth place. However, the club's well-publicised off-field dramas that resulted in new owners, new name and new home (Marathon Stadium) has meant the team started the season with little pre-season training and was ill-prepared compared to the rest of the league. No wonder, then, that Newcastle started the season so poorly, winning only one of their first fifteen games, a run that included eight draws.

The tactically astute Lee Sterrey was deservedly given an opportunity to coach in the NSL by Newcastle and they have been rewarded for their foresight. After his playing career, Sterrey joined Marconi and enjoyed success as a youth coach. An assistant to Zoran Matic, Sterrey left Bossley Park when Frank Farina was appointed Marconi coach in order to forward his own coaching career.

Last season, Newcastle played a highly effective counter-attacking game away from home capably led by sweeper Shane Pryce and utilising Buonavoglia's speed. However, Sterrey was unable to hold on to Shane Pryce and Glenn Moore from last seasons solid defensive unit. Despite the turmoil surrounding the club Newcastle has managed to attract several quality players to its ranks. New Zealand international Chris Zoricich, who lists representing and scoring for his country in the 1999 Confederations Cup as a career highlight, has come in from Sydney Olympic. Joining him from Olympic was midfielder Peter Tsekenis who respreented and scored for Australia at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Striker Esala Masi has joined United from champions Wollongong Wolves and was voted Fijian Player of the Year in 1994 and 2000 .

Other players include veteran striker Andy Harper who has played over 300 NSL games and who represented Australia at Under 20 level and also played for Sydney City, Sydney Olympic, St George, Marconi, Brisbane and Matsunichi (China) and captain Glenn Sprod who has spent most of the last decade at Newcastle save for a season at Parramatta Eagles. The club's most impressive young talent is Naples-born striker John Buonavoglia. He played his junior soccer with Apia Leichardt and Sydney Olympic and had spells at St George and Leichardt Tigers before joining Newcastle. Small in stature, his electrifying turn of pace and deceptive strength on the ball have made him one of the league's most dangerous attackers. 'Keeper Bob Catlin has made more than 300 NSL appearance; only the second goalkeeper to do so. Catlin began his career in 1984 at APIA Leichardt and enjoyed spells at Marconi (where he won two championships), Notts County and Olympic before joining Newcastle United.

In the clubs first meeting this season, South Melbourne and Newcastle fought out a goaless draw. This is the clubs' twentieth meeting, with South winning 13 and Newcastle two of the previous clashes. Five games have finished in draws.

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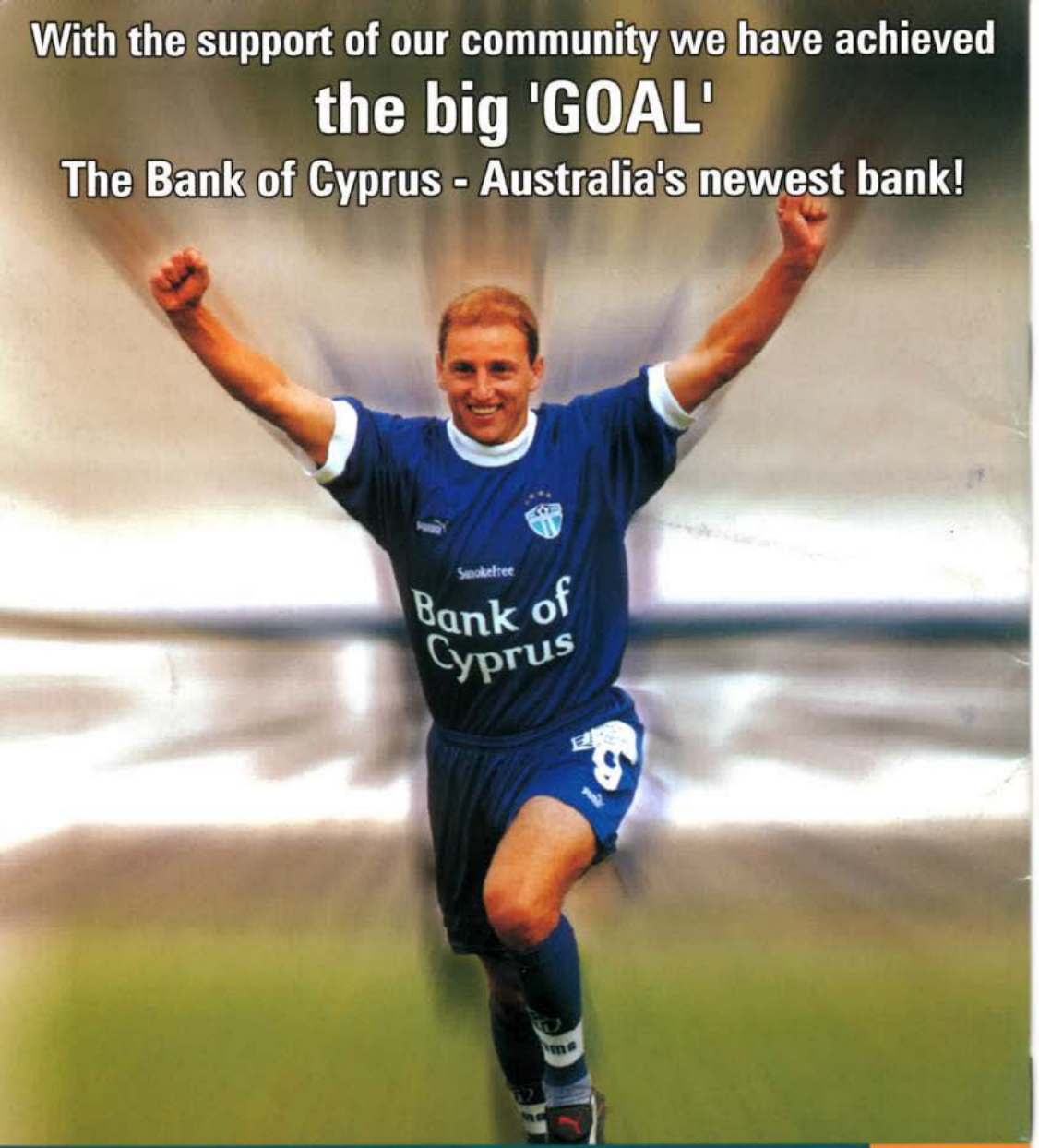


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